WHEREAS, The Rule of Saint Benedict has for over fourteen Centuries called devoted men and women to prayer and work; and,

WHEREAS, The residents of South Dakota have benefitted from both the prayer and work of members of the Order of Saint Benedict; and,

WHEREAS, Lawrence E. Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Barnett, has been called by his religious community and his bishop to the ministry of the church by ordination to the priesthood of the Roman Eutholic Church; and,

WHEREAS, This ordination will take place on Tuesday, May 25, 1976, at Blue Cloud Abbey, Marvin, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, On Sunday, May 30, 1976, Father Barnett will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at 1:30 P.M. at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Nancy and I regret that we will be unable to be with Father on that day, but our thoughts and prayers will be with him as he celebrates Mass; and,

WHEREAS, This celebration is worthy of public recognition in the State of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Governor make note of this momentous occasion:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 30, 1976, as

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in South Dakota, and do call upon his religious community, the people of St. Joseph's Cathedral Parish and his many friends to join the Barnett Family in the joyful celebration of this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 21st day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteer Hundred and Seventy-Six

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

CORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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